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$B \rightarrow K(K^*)$ + missing energy in unparticle physics

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ABSTRACT: In the present work we study the effects of an unparticle \mathcal{U} as the possible source of missing energy in the decay $B \to K(K^*)$ + missing energy. We find that the dependence of the differential branching ratio on the $K(K^*)$ -meson's energy in the presence of the vector unparticle operators is very distinctive from that of the SM. Moreover, in using the existing upper bound on $B \to K(K^*)$ + missing energy decays, we have been able to put more stringent constraints on the parameters of unparticle stuff.

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1. Introduction

Flavour Changing Neutral Current (FCNC) processes are not only powerful tests of the Standard Model (SM) but also provide very stringent tests for any physics beyond it. The smallness of FCNC processes in the SM is attributed to the fact that these processes are generated at loop level and are further suppressed by the CKM factors. Due to their smallness within the SM these processes can also be very sensitive to any new physics beyond the SM. Amongst the many FCNC decays involving B and K-mesons the decays of the form $b \rightarrow s + \text{missing energy}$ have been the focus of much investigation at the B factories Belle and Babar.

Of particular interest, in the SM, is the decay $b \to s\nu\bar{\nu}$, as it has the theoretical advantage of uncertainties much smaller than those of other decays, due to the absence of a photonic penguin contribution and hadronic long distance effects. However, in spite these theoretical advantages, it might be very difficult to measure the inclusive mode $B \to X_s \nu \bar{\nu}$, as it requires a construction of all the X_s 's. Therefore the rare $B \to K(K^*)\nu\bar{\nu}$ decays play a special role, both from experimental and theoretical points of view. Also the branching fractions of the *B*-meson decays are quite large, with theoretical estimates of $Br(B \to K^*\nu\bar{\nu}) \sim 10^{-5}$ and $Br(B \to K\nu\bar{\nu}) \sim 10^{-6}$ [1]. These processes, based on $b \to s\nu\bar{\nu}$, are very sensitive to non-standard *Z* models and have been extensively studied in the literature [2-4].

As such, any new physics model which can provide a relatively light new source of missing energy can potentially enhance the observed rates of $B \to K(K^*) + \text{missing energy}$ $(B \to K(K^*) + \not E)$, where many models have been proposed which provide such low mass candidates (which can contribute to $b \to s + \text{missing energy}$). Note that in reference [3] the phenomenology of such low mass scalars was explored. Such studies have also been done in the context of large extra dimension models [5] and leptophobic Z' models [1, 2]. One such model, which has excited much interest recently, is that of Unparticles, as proposed by H. Georgi [6]. In this model we assume that at a very high energy our theory contains both the fields of the SM and the fields of a theory with a nontrivial IR fixed point, which he called the Banks-Zaks (BZ) fields [7]. In his model these two sets interacted through the exchange of particles with a large mass scale $M_{\mathcal{U}}$, where below this scale there were nonrenormablizable couplings between the SM fields and the BZ fields suppressed by powers of $M_{\mathcal{U}}$. The renormalizable couplings of the BZ fields then produced dimensional transmutation, and the scale-invariant unparticle fields emerged below an energy scale $\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}$.

In the effective theory below $\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}$ the BZ operators matched onto the unparticle operators, and the nonrenormaliable interactions matched onto a new set of interactions between the SM and unparticle fields. The end result was a collection of unparticle stuff with scale dimension $d_{\mathcal{U}}$, which looked like a non-integral number $d_{\mathcal{U}}$ of invisible massless particles, whose production might be detectable in missing energy and momentum distributions [6].

Recently there has been a lot of interest in unparticle physics [6, 8-16], where the signatures of *unparticles* have been discussed at colliders [8, 10, 15], in Lepton Flavor Violating (LFV) processes [13], cosmology and astrophysics [16], and low energy processes [11, 12, 9].

In the present work we study the $B \to K(K^*) + \not\!\!\!E$ decay in unparticle theory, where this work is organized as follows: In section 2 we calculate the various contributions from both the SM and unparticle theory to the above-mentioned decays. Section 3 contains our numerical analysis and conclusions.

2. Differential decay widths

In the SM the decay $B \to K(K^*)\nu\bar{\nu}$ is described by the quark level process $b \to s\nu\bar{\nu}$ through the effective Hamiltonian:

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* C_{10} \ \bar{s} \gamma_\mu \left(1 - \gamma_5\right) b \ \bar{\nu} \gamma_\mu \left(1 - \gamma_5\right) \nu \quad , \tag{2.1}$$

where

$$C_{10} = \frac{X(x_t)}{\sin^2 \theta_w} \quad , \tag{2.2}$$

and the $X(x_t)$ is the usual Inami-Lim function, given as:

$$X(x_t) = \frac{x_t}{8} \left\{ \frac{x_t + 1}{x_t - 1} + \frac{3x_t - 6}{(x_t - 1)^2} ln(x_t) \right\}$$
(2.3)

with $x_t = m_t / m_W^2$.

Similarly, the unparticle transition at quark level can be described by $b \to s\mathcal{U}$, where we shall consider the following operators:

Scalar unparticle operators
$$\implies C_S \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^{d_{\mathcal{U}}}} \bar{s} \gamma_{\mu} b \ \partial^{\mu} O_{\mathcal{U}} + C_P \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^{d_{\mathcal{U}}}} \bar{s} \gamma_{\mu} \gamma_5 b \ \partial^{\mu} O_{\mathcal{U}} ,$$

Vector unparticle operators $\implies C_V \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^{d_{\mathcal{U}}-1}} \bar{s} \gamma_{\mu} b \ O_{\mathcal{U}}^{\mu} + C_A \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^{d_{\mathcal{U}}-1}} \bar{s} \gamma_{\mu} \gamma_5 b \ O_{\mathcal{U}}^{\mu} .$ (2.4)

Before proceeding with our analysis note that we shall write the propagator for the scalar unparticle field as [8, 10]:

$$\int d^4x e^{iP.x} \langle 0|TO_{\mathcal{U}}(x)O_{\mathcal{U}}(0)|0\rangle = i \frac{A_{d_{\mathcal{U}}}}{2\sin(d_{\mathcal{U}}\pi)} (-P^2)^{d_{\mathcal{U}}-2} , \qquad (2.5)$$

where

$$A_{d_{\mathcal{U}}} = \frac{16\pi^{5/2}}{(2\pi)^{2d_{\mathcal{U}}}} \frac{\Gamma(d_{\mathcal{U}} + 1/2)}{\Gamma(d_{\mathcal{U}} - 1)\Gamma(2d_{\mathcal{U}})} \ .$$

2.1 The Standard Model

Using the SM effective Hamiltonian for the quark level process $b \to s\nu\bar{\nu}$, as given in equation (2.1), we can calculate the differential decay width of $B \to K(K^*)\nu\bar{\nu}$ (using the form factor definitions for the $B \to K$ transition as given in appendix A.1).

After taking into account the three species of SM neutrinos, we evaluate the differential decay width as a function of K-meson energy (E_K) as:

$$\frac{d\Gamma^{\rm SM}}{dE_K} = \frac{G_F^2 \alpha^2}{2^7 \pi^5 m_B^2} \left| V_{ts} V_{tb}^* \right|^2 \left| C_{10} \right|^2 f_+^2(q^2) \ \lambda^{3/2}(m_B^2, m_K^2, q^2) \ , \tag{2.6}$$

where $\lambda(m_B^2, m_K^2, q^2) = m_B^4 + m_K^4 + q^4 - 2m_B^2q^2 - 2m_K^2q^2 - 2m_K^2m_B^2$, and $q^2 = m_B^2 + m_K^2 - 2m_BE_K$.

Similarly, for the $B \to K^*$ case, using the definition of form factors for $B \to K^*$ transitions as given in appendix A.2, the differential decay rate in the SM can be calculated as:

$$\frac{d\Gamma^{\rm SM}}{dE_{K^*}} = \frac{G_F^2 \alpha^2}{2^9 \pi^5 m_B^2} |V_{ts} V_{tb}^*|^2 \lambda^{1/2} |C_{10}|^2 \left(8\lambda q^2 \frac{V^2}{(m_B + m_{K^*})^2} + \frac{1}{m_{K^*}^2} \left[\lambda^2 \frac{A_2^2}{(m_B + m_{K^*})^2} + (m_B + m_{K^*})^2 (\lambda + 12m_{K^*}^2 q^2) A_1^2 - 2\lambda (m_B^2 - m_{K^*}^2 - q^2) Re(A_1^* A_2) \right] \right) , (2.7)$$

where $\lambda = m_B^4 + m_{K^*}^4 + q^4 - 2m_B^2 q^2 - 2m_{K^*}^2 q^2 - 2m_{K^*}^2 m_B^2$, and $q^2 = m_B^2 + m_{K^*}^2 - 2m_B E_{K^*}$.

2.2 The scalar unparticle operator

As listed earlier, the following scalar operators can contribute to the $B \to K(K^*) \mathcal{U}$ decay:

$$\mathcal{C}_{S} \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^{d_{\mathcal{U}}}} \bar{s} \gamma_{\mu} b \; \partial^{\mu} O_{\mathcal{U}} + \mathcal{C}_{P} \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^{d_{\mathcal{U}}}} \bar{s} \gamma_{\mu} \gamma_{5} b \; \partial^{\mu} O_{\mathcal{U}} = \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^{d_{\mathcal{U}}}} \bar{s} \gamma_{\mu} \left(\mathcal{C}_{S} + \mathcal{C}_{P} \gamma_{5} \right) b \; \partial^{\mu} O_{\mathcal{U}} \; , \qquad (2.8)$$

where we have defined our form factors in appendix A. As such, the matrix element for the process $B(p) \to K(p') + \mathcal{U}(q)$ can be written as:

$$\mathcal{M}^{S} = \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^{d_{\mathcal{U}}}} \mathcal{C}_{S} \left[f_{+} (m_{B}^{2} - m_{K}^{2}) + f_{-} q^{2} \right] O_{\mathcal{U}} \quad .$$

$$(2.9)$$

The decay rate for $B(p) \to K(p')\mathcal{U}(q)$ can now be evaluated to be:

$$\frac{d\Gamma^{S\mathcal{U}}}{dE_K} = \frac{1}{8\pi^2 m_B} \frac{A_{d_{\mathcal{U}}}}{\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^{2d_{\mathcal{U}}}} |\mathcal{C}_S|^2 \sqrt{E_K^2 - m_K^2} \left(m_B^2 + m_K^2 - 2m_B E_K\right)^{d_{\mathcal{U}} - 2} \\ \times \left[f_+(m_B^2 - m_K^2) + f_-(m_B^2 + 2m_K^2 - 2m_B E_K) \right]^2 . \quad (2.10)$$

For the $B \to K^*$ transition our calculation proceeds along the same lines, where the matrix element for $B(p) \to K^*(p')\mathcal{U}(q)$ can be written as:

$$\mathcal{M}^{S} = \frac{i\mathcal{C}_{P}}{\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^{d_{\mathcal{U}}}} (\epsilon.q) \left\{ (m_{B} + m_{K^{*}})A_{1} - (m_{B} - m_{K^{*}})A_{2} - 2m_{K^{*}} (A_{3} - A_{0}) \right\} O_{\mathcal{U}} , \quad (2.11)$$

and the differential decay rate as:

$$\frac{d\Gamma^{S\mathcal{U}}}{dE_{K^*}} = \frac{m_B}{2\pi^2} \frac{A_{d_{\mathcal{U}}}}{\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^{2d_{\mathcal{U}}}} |\mathcal{C}_P|^2 A_0^2 \left(E_{K^*}^2 - m_{K^*}^2\right)^{3/2} \left(m_B^2 + m_{K^*}^2 - 2m_B E_{K^*}\right)^{d_{\mathcal{U}}-2} .$$
(2.12)

As can seen from the above expressions the scalar unparticle contribution to the decay rate for $B \to K\mathcal{U}$ and $B \to K^*\mathcal{U}$ will depend upon \mathcal{C}_S and \mathcal{C}_P respectively. This shall allow us to place constraints upon \mathcal{C}_S and \mathcal{C}_P from these two different decay modes. This issue shall be re-visited in the final section of this paper.

2.3 The vector unparticle operator

Along similar lines as followed in the previous subsection, we shall now make use of the vector unparticle operators:

$$\mathcal{C}_{V} \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^{d_{\mathcal{U}}-1}} \bar{s} \gamma_{\mu} b \ O_{\mathcal{U}}^{\mu} + \mathcal{C}_{A} \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^{d_{\mathcal{U}}-1}} \bar{s} \gamma_{\mu} \gamma_{5} b \ O_{\mathcal{U}}^{\mu} = \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^{d_{\mathcal{U}}-1}} \bar{s} \gamma_{\mu} \left(\mathcal{C}_{V} + \mathcal{C}_{A} \gamma_{5}\right) b \ O_{\mathcal{U}}^{\mu} ,$$

and the form factors of appendix A, to calculate the matrix element for $B(p) \to K(p')\mathcal{U}(q)$:

$$\mathcal{M}^{V} = \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^{d_{\mathcal{U}}-1}} \, \mathcal{C}_{V} \bigg[f_{+}(p+p')_{\mu} + f_{-}(p-p')_{\mu} \bigg] \, O_{\mathcal{U}}^{\mu} \, . \tag{2.13}$$

And as such we calculate the differential decay rate as:

$$\frac{d\Gamma^{V\mathcal{U}}}{dE_K} = \frac{1}{8\pi^2 m_B} \frac{A_{d_{\mathcal{U}}}}{\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^{2d_{\mathcal{U}}-2}} |\mathcal{C}_V|^2 |f_+|^2 \left(m_B^2 + m_K^2 - 2m_B E_K\right)^{d_{\mathcal{U}}-2} \sqrt{E_K^2 - m_K^2} \\ \times \left\{ -\left(m_B^2 + m_K^2 + 2m_B E_K\right) + \frac{\left(m_B^2 - m_K^2\right)^2}{\left(m_B^2 + m_K^2 - 2m_B E_K\right)} \right\}.$$
 (2.14)

For the $B \to K^*$ case the matrix element for $B(p) \to K^*(p')\mathcal{U}(q)$ is:

$$\mathcal{M}^{V} = \left\{ \frac{\mathcal{C}_{A}}{\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^{d_{\mathcal{U}}-1}} \left(i\epsilon_{\mu}(m_{B}+m_{K^{*}})A_{1}-i(p+p')_{\mu}(\epsilon.q)\frac{A_{2}}{m_{B}+m_{K^{*}}} - iq_{\mu}(\epsilon.q)\frac{2m_{K^{*}}}{q^{2}}[A_{3}-A_{0}] \right) + \frac{\mathcal{C}_{V}}{\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^{d_{\mathcal{U}}-1}} \left(\frac{2V}{m_{B}+m_{K^{*}}} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}\epsilon^{\nu}p^{\rho}p'^{\sigma} \right) \right\} O_{\mathcal{U}}^{\mu}.$$

$$(2.15)$$

And therefore the differential decay rate will be:

$$\frac{d\Gamma^{V\mathcal{U}}}{dE_{K^*}} = \frac{1}{8\pi^2 m_B} (q^2)^{d_{\mathcal{U}}-2} \sqrt{E_{K^*}^2 - m_{K^*}^2} \frac{A_{d_{\mathcal{U}}}}{\left(\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^{d_{\mathcal{U}}-1}\right)^2} \left\{ 8|C_V|^2 m_B^2 (E_{K^*}^2 - m_{K^*}^2) \frac{V^2}{(m_B + m_{K^*})^2} + |C_A|^2 \frac{1}{m_{K^*}^2 (m_B + m_{K^*})^2 q^2} \left[(m_B + m_{K^*})^4 (3m_{K^*}^4 + 2m_B^2 m_{K^*}^2 - 6m_B m_{K^*}^2 E_{K^*} + m_B^2 E_{K^*}^2) A_1^2 + 4m_B^4 (E_{K^*}^2 - m_{K^*}^2)^2 A_2^2 + 4(m_B + m_{K^*})^2 (m_B E_{K^*} - m_{K^*}^2) (m_{K^*}^2 - E_{K^*}^2) m_B^2 A_1 A_2 \right] \right\}. \quad (2.16)$$

To obtain the total decay width for $B \to K\mathcal{U}$ we must integrate over E_K in the range $m_K < E_K < (m_B^2 + m_K^2)/2m_B$, whereas to obtain the total decay width for $B \to K^*\mathcal{U}$ we must integrate over E_{K^*} in the range $m_{K^*} < E_{K^*} < (m_B^2 + m_{K^*}^2)/2m_B$.

3. Numerical results and conclusions

The total contribution to $B \to K(K^*) + \not\!\!\!E$ can be written as:

$$\Gamma = \Gamma^{\rm SM} + \Gamma^{\mathcal{U}} \quad , \tag{3.1}$$

$$Br(B \to K \nu \bar{\nu}) < 1.4 \times 10^{-5}$$
,
 $Br(B \to K^* \nu \bar{\nu}) < 1.4 \times 10^{-4}$.

It is important to note that the SM process $B \to K(K^*)\nu\bar{\nu}$ provides a unique energy distribution spectrum of final state hadrons $(K/K^* \text{ in our case})$. Presently the experimental limits on the branching ratio of these processes are about one order below the respective SM expectation values. However, these processes are expected to be measured at future SuperB factories [19]. As such, we presently only have an upper limit on the branching ratio of these processes, where to estimate the constraints on the unparticle properties.

Note that H. Georgi, in his first paper on unparticles, tried to emphasize that unparticles behave as a non-integral number of particles [6]. He further went on to analyze the



distribution of the *u*-quark in the decay $t \to u\mathcal{U}$. It was argued that the peculiar shape of the distributions of E_u (the energy of the *u*-quark) may allow us to discover unparticles experimentally. As such, we have attempted to extend this same analogy to the process presently under consideration.





than the $B \to K^* + \not\!\!E$ decay.

Finally, in figure (5) we have shown the dependence of the branching ratio of $B \rightarrow K^* + \not E$ on the effective vertices. If we consider scalar operators then the rate of this process



Figure 4: The branching ratio for $B \to K + \not\!\!\!E$ as a function of \mathcal{C}_S (left panel) and \mathcal{C}_V (right panel). The cutoff scale has been taken to be $\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}} = 1000 \text{GeV}$.

is only dependent upon C_P , whereas if we consider the vector operators then the rate can depend upon both C_V and C_A .

To re-emphasize these last few points:

- $B \to K +$ scalar unparticle operator shall constrain the parameter C_S ,
- $B \to K^* + \text{ scalar unparticle operator shall constrain } \mathcal{C}_P$,
- $B \to K +$ vector unparticle operator will constrain only \mathcal{C}_V ,
- whilst $B \to K^* +$ vector unparticle operator will constrain both \mathcal{C}_V and \mathcal{C}_A .

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Figure 5: The branching ratio for $B \to K^* + \not\!\!\!E$ as a function of \mathcal{C}_P (top left panel), \mathcal{C}_V (top right panel) and \mathcal{C}_A (bottom panel). The cutoff scale has been taken to be $\Lambda_U = 1000 \text{GeV}$.

A. The form factors

A.1 The form factors for the $B \rightarrow K$ transition

The form factors for the $B \to K$ transition can be written as [20]:

$$\langle K(p')|\bar{s}\gamma_{\mu}b|B(p)\rangle = (p+p')_{\mu}f_{+} + q_{\mu}f_{-} ,$$

$$\langle K(p')|\bar{s}\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_{5}b|B(p)\rangle = 0 , \qquad (A.1)$$

where q = p - p'. Or alternately from the light cone sum rules [21] as:

$$\langle K(p')|\bar{s}\gamma_{\mu}b|B(p)\rangle = \left\{ (p+p')_{\mu} - \frac{m_B^2 - m_K^2}{q^2}q_{\mu} \right\} f_+^P(q^2) + \left\{ \frac{m_B^2 - m_K^2}{q^2}q_{\mu} \right\} f_-^P(q^2) \quad (A.2)$$

Note that we can relate these two sets of form factors by:

$$f_{+} = f_{+}^{P} ,$$

$$f_{-} = \frac{m_{B}^{2} - m_{K}^{2}}{q^{2}} \left(f_{0}^{P} - f_{+}^{P} \right) .$$
(A.3)

	m_1	r_1	r_2	m_{fit}
f^P_+	5.41	0.1616	0.1730	-
f_0^P	-	-	0.3302	5.41

Table 1: The parameters for the $B \to K$ form factors [20].

	r_1	r_2	$m_{ m fit}^2$	m_R
V	0.923	- 0.511	49.40	5.32
A_0	1.364	- 0.99	36.78	5.63
A_1	-	0.290	40.38	-
A_2	-0.084	0.342	52.00	-

Table 2: The parameters for the $B \to K^*$ form factors [20].

In our numerical results we have followed the parameterization of Ball and Zwicky [21]:

$$f_0^P = \frac{r_2}{1 - q^2/m_{\text{fit}}^2} ,$$

$$f_+^P = \frac{r_1}{1 - q^2/m_1^2} + \frac{r_2}{(1 - q^2/m_1^2)^2} ,$$
(A.4)

where the fitted parameters are given in table 1.

A.2 The form factors for the $B \to K^*$ transition

The form factors for the $B \to K^*$ transition can be written as [20]:

$$\langle K^{*}(p')|\bar{s}\gamma_{\mu}b|B(p)\rangle = \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}\epsilon^{\nu}p^{\rho}p'^{\sigma}\frac{2V(q^{2})}{m_{B}+m_{K^{*}}} ,$$

$$\langle K^{*}(p')|\bar{s}\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_{5}b|B(p)\rangle = i\epsilon_{\mu}(m_{B}+m_{K^{*}})A_{1}(q^{2}) - i(p+p')_{\mu}(\epsilon.q)\frac{A_{2}(q^{2})}{m_{B}+m_{K^{*}}} -iq_{\mu}(\epsilon.q)\frac{2m_{K^{*}}}{q^{2}}[A_{3}(q^{2}) - A_{0}(q^{2})] , \qquad (A.5)$$

where have again defined q = p - p'. For this transition we have used the parameterization of reference [20]:

$$F(q^2) = \frac{r_1}{1 - q^2/m_R^2} + \frac{r_2}{1 - q^2/m_{\rm fit}^2} , \qquad \text{(for V, A_0)}$$

$$F(q^2) = \frac{r_1}{1 - q^2/m_{\rm fit}^2} + \frac{r_2}{(1 - q^2/m_{\rm fit}^2)^2} , \qquad \text{(for A_2)}$$

$$F(q^2) = \frac{r_2}{1 - q^2/m_{\rm fit}^2} , \qquad \text{(for A_1)} \qquad (A.6)$$

where

$$A_3(q^2) = \frac{m_B + m_{K^*}}{2m_{K^*}} A_1(q^2) - \frac{m_B - m_{K^*}}{2m_{K^*}} A_2(q^2) \quad . \tag{A.7}$$

Note that the fitted parameters used in the above equations have been given in table 2.

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